

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT[871]

Adopted and Filed

Rule making related to vocational training eligibility requirements

The Director of the Workforce Development Department hereby amends Chapter 24, “Claims and Benefits,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 96.11.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 96.

Purpose and Summary

This amendment updates the Department’s eligibility criteria for a waiver of work search requirements for claimants attending approved training programs. The amendment clearly states the expectations that must be met in order for a claimant to be approved for the program.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 19, 2018, as **ARC 4174C**. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the Director of the Department on January 23, 2019.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on March 20, 2019.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Amend subrule 24.39(2) as follows:

24.39(2) A claimant may receive unemployment insurance while attending a training course approved by the department, under the following conditions:

a. and *b.* No change.

c. The individual must be enrolled and attending the training program in person as a full-time student.

While attending the approved training course, the claimant need not be available for work or actively seeking work, except if the hours of the training are outside the regular hours worked in the base period employment. After completion of department-approved training, the claimant must, in order to continue to be eligible for unemployment insurance, place no restriction on employability. The claimant must be able to work, be available for work and be actively searching for work. In addition, the claimant may be subject to disqualification for any refusal of work without good cause after the claimant has completed the training.

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